



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Todd Drosky at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present:

Commissioner Michael Hudak
Commissioner Tom Plaut
Commissioner Daniel Shanetzky
Vice Mayor Ben Preston
Mayor Todd Drosky

Also Present:

City Manager Rodney Brimlow
City Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Commissioner Hudak to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Non-Uniformed Employees' Retirement Plan Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2025
Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2025
Charter Review Board Meeting Minutes - October 16 & 27, 2025
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - October 9, 2025
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2025
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - October 8 & 22, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to acknowledge the board minutes. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

December 2, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve the agenda as amended, adding an update regarding SE 8th Avenue. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1a. Presentation of ceremonial checks by Richard Waltzer, Florida Inland Navigation District Commissioner, to the City of Deerfield Beach for the Sawgrass to Seagrass Center Project and Broward County for the Deerfield Island Park Enhancements Project.

Commissioner Waltzer presented ceremonial checks to the City of Deerfield Beach for the Sawgrass to Seagrass Center Project and Broward County for the Deerfield Island Park Enhancements Project. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the purpose and mission of the Florida Inland Navigation District.

The Commission thanked Mr. Waltzer.

Dan West, Broward County Parks & Recreation Director, thanked Mr. Waltzer. Thereafter, he thanked Deerfield Beach leadership for their efforts, and recognized Friends of Deerfield Island Park. Lastly, he provided a brief overview of how the monies will be utilized.

Mr. Waltzer stated that he will ensure funding is available next year for these projects.

PRESENTATIONS

1b. Update regarding SE 8th Avenue.

Eric Power, Deputy City Manager, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He explained that at the City Manager's request, a third party, Chen Moore and Associates, was hired to evaluate all available information related to the flooding within the SE 8th Avenue area and planning reports, design plans, drainage calculations, and permit documents for the recently completed SE 8th Avenue stormwater improvements along with previous engineering studies conducted by the City. Additionally, Chen Moore and Associates was tasked with identifying any potential deficiencies to the recently completed SE 8th Avenue stormwater improvements and any potential modifications for the recently completed SE 8th Avenue stormwater improvements, which would reduce future flooding risks in the area. Furthermore, key issues identified included low topography on SE 8th Avenue, whereby, some places are up to two feet lower than surrounding areas; drainage basin constraints, whereas, the outfalls prioritize areas closer to the Hillsboro canal; exfiltration trench system, which helps with routine rainfall, but will not prevent flooding for extreme events; improvements did reduce flood duration for the October 26, 2025 rainfall event, but inundation inevitable under extreme conditions; and alternatives, i.e. land acquisition to create local stormwater retention, stormwater pump station, deep injection wells, improve outfall and floodproofing of homes, that are costly and approvals must be obtained, which is concerning to staff, as runoff is highly regulated by the State and Broward County.

Continuing, Mr. Power said in 2004, a preliminary report recommended exploring a stormwater pump station. In 2021, the Master Plan identified SE 8th Avenue as a critical flood-prone area. In 2022-2023, the design reports adjusted trench locations, and added backflow preventors, and the 2025 flood report confirmed improvements in the reduction of standing water over multiple days, but the current improvements cannot avoid flooding under extreme storms. Mr. Power explained that the project is not finalized, whereby, to ensure project effectiveness, the following must still occur: conduct as-built survey to verify installation accuracy, perform inspection of contraction deficiencies, obtain engineer of record certification; and run post-construction modeling for October 26th event, which would be a separate cost. Additional short-term recommendations include: the City having a better emergency response plan; homes routinely impacted by flooding must consider flood proofing measures to protect their homes; and per Commissioner Hudak's recommendation, evaluate state and federal funding for resilient infrastructure for impacted residents, which city staff is struggling to locate at this time, but will continue to research.

PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED

Moreover, Mr. Power said the long-term recommendations include conducting a Phase II analysis of the area to review the possibility of additional backflow preventors at control structures #59 and #108; stormwater injection wells for incremental relief; investigating innovative flood control technologies; evaluating feasibility of a stormwater pump station; and evaluating the expansion of regional drainage improvements. Further, it was concluded that the project improvements worked to prevent multiple day standing water, but cannot fully protect against extreme events, as that is not what it was designed to do. The pump station remains a potential solution; however, they are costly, complex, additional approvals are needed from the State and County, and it does not guarantee that the flooding of homes won't occur. A multi-pronged approach is recommended for Phase II, which will include public input at multiple stages, infrastructure upgrades, property-level mitigation and flood proofing, new emergency response protocols, innovative technologies, and external funding support. Lastly, he said the full report is available on the City's website.

In response to Mayor Drosky's question, Mr. Power replied that a scope must be developed and a funding course must be identified. Once those are in place, staff can go through the procurement process to hire a consultant.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's questions, Mr. Power replied that the report indicated that the drainage project did help with the alleviation of stormwater once the rain event ended. Further, he said the process for on call staffing will be revamped, and staff will undergo exploratory training. Additionally, several protocol changes have been made to the after-hours call line. Mr. Power said when staff is aware of a storm, sand bags are made and provided; nevertheless, they can only do so much and can only be used once. Lastly, he said staff is evaluating what equipment can be utilized, as well as where the water can be discarded.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Power replied that two sewer issues have been identified, but they were not caused by the City's pipe.

Commissioner Preston said although the presentation was informative, it did not offer any solutions. Further, he expressed concerns with spending money on consultants who continue to provide the same information; therefore, if funds are being allocated, he believes there must be solutions in place. He agreed with including the public throughout the process, as their ideas should be heard and welcomed.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Power replied that the issues could be resolved if there was a low-lying area for the water to flow to; however, staff would have to evaluate how it would flow to ensure it would not impact other homes.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Power replied that staff was aware of the situation; nonetheless, staff can localize to SE 8th Avenue in order to resolve the issue, whereas, he is unaware of what Boca Raton did.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, recommended utilizing the vacant space just to the south of the Peggy Noland Aquatic Center as a retention area.

Jillian Lerner, 500 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, stated that five years ago, her home was flooded and her family was displaced; however, the water was at least moving. In this recent flood event, the water did not move. Thereafter, she commented on ambulances being unable to get to their homes due to the flooding, which is concerning.

Thomas Noland, 406 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, stated that he appreciates the City's time and efforts, but putting money back into our homes is concerning, when the City has no solution in place. Further, he stated that this flood was worse than the one five years ago, due to the middle school parking lot being tied into the 8th Avenue project. He stated that pumps will be the only option to move the water. Lastly, he said the failures need to be evaluated in order for solutions to be generated.

PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED

Willie Rosetta Graham Bracey, 501 NW 1st Terrace, commented on the flooding near her home, which is concerning as she is unable to leave her home.

Brian Bennett, 650 SW 14th Place, Deerfield Beach, said he was unaware of the flooding on SE 8th Avenue, but stands behind Mr. Power and his word to remedy the situation. Further, he agreed that solutions must be generated, and recommended looking to see what other cities are doing.

Dorian Duff, 500 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, recommended that the City buy out the block and turn it into an educational park or raise all the homes.

David Evanosky, 514 SE 7th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed frustration with the water being diverted from the ball field on 6th Avenue, to our neighborhood, then across Federal Highway down to Little Harbor. Thereafter, he recommended that a pipe be run down 6th Avenue to Pioneer Park to drain the water and implementing a CERT Team.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the City purchasing the homes or creating a retention area near the Aquatic Center.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on his conversation with a CERT member, who advised that they can train residents in District 1.

Mayor Drosky said all options, even those that are radical, are being considered and evaluated.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING

2. P.H. 2025-010: ORDINANCE 2025/013 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2-377 "CODE ENFORCEMENT CITATION PROCEDURES" AND 2-378 "SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES" OF ARTICLE VI "CODE ENFORCEMENT" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE PROCESS AND PENALTIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SNIPE SIGN VIOLATIONS AND OTHER CODE VIOLATIONS RELATED TO TEMPORARY SIGNS BEING INSTALLED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR ON CITY PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, explained that this ordinance provides an additional enforcement mechanism. Further, based on concerns mentioned during the first reading, two changes have been made, 1) provide the ability for a code enforcement officer to issue a warning if the code enforcement officer determines that a snipe sign or temporary sign violation is the first violation by the violator and there are mitigating circumstances with respect to the violation, and 2) clarify the ability to contest such violations by requesting a hearing within 15 days of receipt of the citation.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the Ordinance, especially for those outside of the City who take advantage.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Soroka replied that he is unsure who advised him that churches and synagogues were exempt, whereby, this does not exempt any private entities, non-profits, etc. Further, he stated the City does not perform selective enforcement.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's comment, Mayor Drosky stated that this is for signage on public property only; nonetheless, if a church or synagogue accidentally places a sign on public property, a warning would be issued.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, replied that if public property is allowed to be utilized by churches and synagogues, then vehicular visibility issues will occur.

Mr. Soroka stated that years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *Town of Gilbert v. Reed*, which held that regulating signage based on its message is a form of content-based discrimination.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of the Ordinance, as it will clean up the City. Thereafter, he commented on the permit process the City has in place for the use of signage in the public rights-of-way.

Pastor Ron Harper, 432 SW 10th Court, Deerfield Beach, said he was unaware of the code and has had signs removed by code compliance, which he wanted back. He explained that they ordered snipe signs for the JoyFest and asked if they can be put throughout the City if he obtains a permit.

In response to Commissioner Plaut's comment, Mr. Soroka explained that if signs are located on their property, a permit is not required; however, if they want to add signs elsewhere, not necessarily throughout the City, a special permit application can be submitted.

Thereafter, Pastor Harper commented on the JoyFest and requested assistance from the City for the stage, lighting, and sound.

Janice Fulmore-Tigner, 1090 SW 4th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, thanked the Commission for the changes made since first reading. Thereafter, she commented on signs being removed from her property.

Pastor Williams, 129 NE 6th Court, Deerfield Beach, said their church services are held at the Women's Club and they have signage along the front of the building, which is considered their property, correct?

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said when churches have events, they place A-Frame signs in the front of the church, which is compliant, correct?

Mayor Drosky replied no. Thereafter, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 2, adopted Ordinance 2025/013. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Willie Rosetta Graham Bracey, 501 NW 1st Terrace, commented on law enforcement being parked in her front yard, as well as dogs running around her neighborhood unleashed. Further, she said traffic continues to be blocked on Hillsboro Boulevard and NW 2nd Avenue.

Brittany Poitier-Doening, 5281 NE 14th Avenue, Pompano Beach, provided a brief overview of her organization, Driven by Passion and Purpose Association, as well as Women in Distress.

Bernie Parness, 3074 Harwood F, Deerfield Beach, commented on an article he wrote to the Editor, as well as the Pelican.

Julie Rodriquez, 150 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, said lights were installed on 2nd Avenue, but now they are out, which is extremely dangerous.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed disappointment with the City not providing any funding to those affected by the flooding on SE 8th Avenue. Thereafter, he read a prepared statement regarding the ongoing negotiations for law enforcement and fire rescue services.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the issues he's faced with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). Thereafter, he spoke in support of bringing services in-house, as he believes there will be more accountability. Lastly, he commented on the missing benches near the Break House and stated that sightseeing on the pier should be free for Deerfield Beach residents.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on Item 3.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 3 - 10; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to approve Items 3 - 10 in concert. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

- 3. Resolution 2025/195 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Hillsboro Beach for fire and emergency medical services for a one-year term with four, one year renewal options; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement; providing for severability, implementation, and an effective date.**
- 4. Resolution 2025/203 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a seventh work authorization with Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC and the Town of Hillsboro Beach for professional engineering services for post-construction physical and biological monitoring services in an amount not to exceed \$207,664.63 for the City's 50% share of the cost; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #399-300-340-3701-000-53700-506530 - CIP - Infrastructure - Joint Beach Renourishment*)**
- 5. Resolution 2025/204 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the settlement of all claims against the City in the litigation styled James Mccully vs. City of Deerfield Beach; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; providing for an effective date. (*Funds from Account #106-100-131-1902-000-51900-503770 - General Liability Legal*)**
- 6. Resolution 2025/205 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the settlement of all claims against the City in the litigation styled *Odette Henry vs. City of Deerfield Beach*; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; providing for an effective date. (*Funds from Account #106-100-131-1902-000-51900-503770 - General Liability Legal*)**
- 7. Resolution 2025/206 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to provide professional engineering services related to the preparation of the 10-year water facilities supply plan in an amount not to exceed \$157,417.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #401-300-360-3602-000-53600-503099 - Other Professional Services*)**
- 8. Resolution 2025/207 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with WGI, Inc. to provide professional engineering construction administration services related to the Pioneer Park Pier No. 5 Dock Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$66,376.95; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from multiple accounts*)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

9. Resolution 2025/208 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a Second Amendment to the construction contract with Layne Christensen Company for the rehabilitation of the Floridan Aquifer Raw Water Wells Project to extend the substantial completion date for the project to June 1, 2026, and the final completion date to July 1, 2026; providing for implementation and an effective date.
10. Resolution 2025/209 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. to provide professional engineering services related to the Deep Injection Well Project at the West Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$65,284.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #413-300-360-3603-000-53600-506530 - Utilities Capital/CIP Infrastructure)

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - None.

CITY MANAGER - None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER HUDAK****DISTRICT 1**

National League of Cities - Commissioner Hudak commented on the event, whereby, they visited their Olympic Village, which was turned into a training center for future athletes. Additionally, the space is utilized by the public as a park. Further, he said Deerfield Beach has many assets that could be utilized for similar projects or programs.

COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY**DISTRICT 3**

Century Village - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the main gate, which is awaiting inspections that must be called in by the contractor. Thereafter, he commented on a sound wall that was installed; however, Durham only has a fence, which is causing lights to shine into homes, so Master Management is looking into it. Further, a Farmer's Market will occur every first and third Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. near the main parking lot.

Crystal Lake - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the upgrades to the recreation building. Thereafter, he thanked staff for the installation of the sidewalk on NW 18th Avenue near Green Road. Further, he commented on the NW 45th Street Stormwater Project, which has been successful thus far.

Meadows of Crystal Lake - Commissioner Shanetzky said Broward County Mayor Mark Bogen will be speaking on December 8th, as well as representatives from Broward Hospital.

Sandpiper Pointe - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the HOA meeting he will be attending. Thereafter, he commented on other meetings he will be attending.

American Legion Post 286 - Commissioner Shanetzky stated that he and Vice Mayor Preston handed out thanksgiving meals to residents in District 2.

Click and Fix It - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on software Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale has, and requested that city staff look into it.

Property Taxes - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the amount of revenue the City would lose should this bill be passed.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Law Enforcement and Fire Recue Services - Commissioner Shanetzky stated that he has not made a decision; however, information must be obtained, so everyone can be properly informed.

COMMISSIONER PLAUT**DISTRICT 4**

Events - Commissioner Plaut commented on the National League of Cities event. Thereafter, he commented on a meeting he will be attending for the Tax and Finance Committee.

Property Taxes - Commissioner Plaut commented on the negative affects this bill will have on cities.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Deerfield Beach Community Cares - Vice Mayor Preston commended them for a job well done. Thereafter, he commented on the community garden near Stanley Terrace, as well as the Genesis Health.

Law Enforcement and Fire Recue Services - Vice Mayor Preston said there has been no decision made regarding public safety services.

Thank You - Vice Mayor Preston thanked Eric Power, Deputy City Manager, for his recent efforts regarding the issues that occurred on SW 5th Avenue and 14th Street. Thereafter, he thanked Roy Davis, Code Compliance Manager, for how he handles the community.

MAYOR DROSKY

Hurricane Season - Mayor Drosky reminded everyone that the season ended on November 30th.

Ocean Way Holiday Event - Mayor Drosky said the event will occur on Saturday, December 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

TODD DROSKY, MAYOR

Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk